

NODE SELF-START IN A DECENTRALIZED CLUSTER

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed to a method for starting a node in a clustered computer system. More particularly, the present invention is directed to a method for starting a node by itself, which includes a sponsor node discovery process. In an embodiment, the present invention is directed to enhancing group communications and providing a local state value to indicate whether the node has completed its starting protocol. In another embodiment, the present invention is directed to a method for self-starting a node in a decentralized clustered computer system.